

**CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for forecasting the sale of goods, comprising:
  - 2 a) receiving data from a plurality of point of sale outlets of a supply chain utilizing a
  - 3 network, the data relating to an amount of goods sold by the point of sale outlets;
  - 4 b) checking the data for errors;
  - 5 c) identifying the errors as at least one selected from the group consisting of point of
  - 6 sale set-up error, point of sale entry error, back office error, polling error, and
  - 7 menu item mapping error; and
  - 8 d) correcting the data using the identification.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the data is checked for errors in real-time.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the identified errors are logged.
- 1 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the log is transmitted to the point of sale outlets  
2 utilizing the network.
- 1 6. The method of claim 4, wherein the log is transmitted to a supply chain manager  
2 utilizing the network.
- 1 7. A system for forecasting the sale of goods, comprising:
  - 2 a) logic for receiving data from a plurality of point of sale outlets of a supply chain
  - 3 utilizing a network, the data relating to an amount of goods sold by the point of
  - 4 sale outlets;
  - 5 b) logic for checking the data for errors;

- 6 c) logic for identifying the errors as at least one selected from the group consisting  
7 of point of sale set-up error, point of sale entry error, back office error, polling  
8 error, and menu item mapping error; and  
9 d) logic for correcting the data using the identification.

1 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the network includes the Internet.

1 9. The system of claim 7, wherein the data is checked for errors in real-time.

1 10. The system of claim 7, wherein the identified errors are logged.

1 11. The system of claim 10, wherein the log is transmitted to the point of sale outlets  
2 utilizing the network.

1 12. The system of claim 10, wherein the log is transmitted to a supply chain manager  
2 utilizing the network.

- 1 13. A computer program product for forecasting the sale of goods, comprising:  
2 a) computer code for receiving data from a plurality of point of sale outlets of a  
3 supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to an amount of goods sold by  
4 the point of sale outlets;  
5 b) computer code for checking the data for errors;  
6 c) computer code for identifying the errors as at least one selected from the group  
7 consisting of point of sale set-up error, point of sale entry error, back office error,  
8 polling error, and menu item mapping error; and  
9 d) computer code for correcting the data using the identification.

1 14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the network includes the  
2 Internet.

- 1 15. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the data is checked for errors  
2 in real-time.
- 1 16. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the identified errors are  
2 logged.
- 1 17. The computer program product of claim 16, wherein the log is transmitted to the  
2 point of sale outlets utilizing the network.
- 1 18. The computer program product of claim 16, wherein the log is transmitted to a  
2 supply chain manager utilizing the network.